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SUBJ: OIL PRODUCTION HITS 450,000 BPD

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1. ALL PAPERS CARRY STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF PETROLEUM HILAL,
APRIL 22, RECORDING FACT THAT CURRENT OIL PRODUCTION IN EGYPT
HAS REACHED 450,000 BPD, INCREASE OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED
THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY OVER LAST APRIL'S PRODUCTION.

2. HILAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AT TIME OF INCREASED PUBLIC
ATTENTION, GENERATED BY PRESS COVERAGE OF OFFICIAL OPENINGS OF
NATURAL GAS FACILITIES AT ABU MADI AND ABU GHARADIK, TO WHOLE
PETROLEUM SECTOR. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY INDUSTRY AND POWER
COMMITTEE IS PLANNING TO STUDY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON
PETROLEUM SECTOR RECENTLY PREPARED BY HILAL.

3. PRESS ALSO MENTIONED THAT HILAL WILL PAY VISIT TO GULF OF
SUEZ SOON TO REVIEW PLANS FOR ATTAINING ONE MILLION BPD
PRODUCTION GOAL BY 1980.

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4. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS ARE SIGNIFICANT FOR REAPPEARANCE
OF MILLION BPD PRODUCTION GOAL. AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, FOR PAST
FEW MONTHS HILAL HAS DROPPED DIRECT REFERENCES TO WHAT IS
INCREASINGLY FELT BY INSIDERS TO BE UNATTAINABLE MILLION BPD
GOAL. NEW PUBLIC ATTENTION MAY INDICATED MORE AGGRESSIVE POLICY
BY MINPET. PRESIDENT SADAT HAS EMPHASIZED TO IBRD AND OTHER

BENEFACTORS THAT ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT PARTICULARLY CRITICAL IN
NEXT THREE YEARS UNTIL REVENUES FROM SUEZ CANAL AND OIL
PRODUCTION CAN BE INCREASED. HE HAS MADE FREQUENT REFERENCE
TO MILLION BPD GOAL IN THIS CONNECTION. SADAT'S CONTINUING
EMPHASIS MAY BE COMPELLING HILAL (ALBEIT
UNREALISTICALLY) TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION.
PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, AMOCO HAS INFORMED US THAT HILAL
UNEXPECTEDLY ADDED RAS SHUKAIR TO HIS ITINERARY FOR NEXT WEEK
AND ASKED ROSS CRAIG, AMOCO EGYPT MANAGER TO ACCOMPANY HIM.
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